

**Preliminary Amendment**  
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**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

**This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:**

**LISTING OF CLAIMS:**

1. (original): A deodorant composition characterized by containing lignin and a phenolic compound-oxidizing enzyme.
2. (original): A deodorant composition according to claim 1, wherein the lignin is a soluble lignin.
3. (original): A deodorant composition according to claim 2, wherein the soluble lignin is water-soluble lignin.
4. (original): A deodorant composition according to any one of claims 1 to 3, further containing a fragrance and/or a flavor.
5. (original): An oral care product characterized by containing a deodorant composition according to any one of claims 1 to 3.
6. (original): A sanitary product characterized by containing a deodorant composition according to any one of claims 1 to 3.
7. (original): A pet product characterized by containing a deodorant composition according to any one of claims 1 to 3.
8. (original): A food characterized by containing a deodorant composition according to any one of claims 1 to 3.
9. (original): A feed characterized by containing a deodorant composition according to any one of claims 1 to 3.
10. (currently amended): Use of a deodorant composition as claimed in ~~any one of claims 1 to 4~~claim 1, in an oral care product, a sanitary product, a pet product, a food or a feed.